

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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VALUATION COMMISSION,
Augusta, February 18, 1880. }

ORDERED, That the Secretary cause to be printed a sufficient number of copies of the rules adopted for the government of the Commission, together with a list of the members, officers and committees, and such other information as may be deemed necessary to facilitate the business of the Commission.

Attest: GEO. B. SAWYER, *Secretary.*

A true copy. Attest: GEO. B. SAWYER, *Secretary.*

VALUATION COMMISSION, 1880.

ACTS AND RESOLVES.

STATE OF MAINE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

An Act in relation to the State Valuation.

Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Sect. 1. The assessors of each city, town and plantation in this state, for the current year, shall at the time provided by law for that purpose, make a true and accurate list of all the male polls of twenty-one years of age and upwards, resident in or belonging to said city, town or plantation, whether such persons are at home or abroad, distinguishing such as are exempted from taxation, and shall also make true and accurate lists of all ratable estates, both real and personal, not exempt by law from paying state taxes, lying or being within their several cities, towns or plantations, and all such estates or property of whatever kind, wherever situated or located, which is subject to be taxed in said cities, towns or plantations; and said assessors shall affix to said estates and property of whatever kind enumerated and set forth in said lists, the full, fair cash value thereof, and shall also make separate lists of all vessels owned in whole or in part in their respective cities, towns and plantations, stating their names, age, value and tonnage, and shall submit to the next legislature, on the second Monday of January next, all said lists of polls and valuation for this year.

Sect. 2. The assessors of every city, town and plantation, shall also produce or cause to be produced before the next legislature for their examination, on the second Monday of January next, the full original poll lists and valuation lists of their several cities, towns and plantations, for the years eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight and eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

Sect. 3. And the assessors of the several cities, towns and plantations, for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, shall make out their valuation and tax lists of all taxable property in their several localities, at the full value thereof, as aforesaid; and before said lists, thus prepared, shall be transmitted to the next legislature as aforesaid, the said assessors shall make oath or affirmation to the facts as to the manner in which said tax and valuation lists were made up, and shall subscribe a certificate of said oath upon said lists, duly attested; and if any assessors

shall refuse or neglect to comply with the requirements of this act, they shall for each offense forfeit and pay a fine of not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

[Approved March 4, 1879.]

STATE OF MAINE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

An Act to amend chapter one hundred and sixty-one, section two of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, in relation to the State Valuation.

Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Sect. 1. Section two of chapter one hundred and sixty-one of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, is hereby amended, by striking out the word "next," in the second line, also, the words "on the second Monday of January next," in the third line, and inserting the words 'present, or any future;,' also, by inserting therein, after the word "original," in the fourth line, the words 'or full copies of the original poll lists and valuation lists, duly certified and sworn to by the assessors,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. The assessors of every city, town and plantation, shall also produce, or cause to be produced, before the present or any future legislature, for their examination, the full original, or full copies of the original poll lists and valuation lists, duly certified and sworn to by the assessors of their several cities, towns and plantations, for the years eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.'

Sect. 2. Notice of the passage of this act shall forthwith be given by the secretary of state to all cities, towns and plantations that have not yet sent in either the original or certified copies of such lists.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

[Approved February 9, 1880.]

STATE OF MAINE.

Resolves to provide for a State Valuation.

Resolved, That the governor is hereby authorized to immediately appoint a commission of sixteen persons, one of whom shall be taken from each of the counties in the state, to prepare a full, just and equal valuation of the estates, and an enumeration of the polls subject to be taxed, as a basis of taxation for state purposes, and to report the same to this legislature; provided, such valuation shall be completed during its present session, or an adjournment thereof, otherwise to report to the legislature of eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

Resolved, That the commissioners thus appointed shall hold their first session at the capitol at Augusta, immediately after their appointment, and shall proceed without delay to prepare said valuation, and shall sit at the same place without adjournment for more than two days at one time, until the preparation of said valuation is completed, or until the final adjournment of this legislature. In case the report of this commission cannot be completed before said final adjournment, the same shall be made to the next legislature, on the first day of its session. Said commissioners shall give such public notice of their session as they may deem proper, and also a printed notice mailed to the assessors of the several cities, towns and plantations, requiring them to appear personally with, or transmit to them immediately, unless the same have already been transmitted to the secretary of state, the several tax and valuation lists and lists of taxable polls of their several cities, towns and plantations, for the years eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, containing the estates and property taxable therein and the fair cash value of each kind of property therein enumerated, as required by law, and the correctness of said lists of taxable polls and estates and the valuation of the property therein enumerated for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, shall be verified by the oath or affirmation of said several assessors or one of them. Said commissioners shall have power to summon before them and examine upon oath either of said assessors, any town or city officer, or other person, touching such lists and the amount and value of the taxable property in said several cities, towns and plantations, and all other matters connected therewith, and to require such person summoned to produce all records or other public documents relating thereto. If the assessors of any city, town or plantation, or one of them, shall fail to appear before said commission or transmit to them the lists above named within ten days after the mailing and publication of said notices, the said commissioners may in their discretion and upon such other information as they may obtain, report the valuation of the estates and property and lists of polls, liable to taxation in such city, town or plantation so in default, as they shall deem just and equitable.

Resolved, That the land agent be and is hereby required to immediately prepare and deliver to said commissioners full and accurate lists of all townships, or parts of townships, or lots or parcels of wild lands in this state sold and not included in the tax lists, whether conveyed or not conveyed, together with the fair value thereof, and to lay before said commissioners all information in his possession touching the value of wild lands, when required by them so to do; also a statement of all lands on which timber has been sold, or a permit or right to cut timber has been sold or granted by lease or otherwise, together with the fair value thereof. All other state officers shall in like manner lay all information in their possession touching said valuation, before said commissioners when requested by them so to do.

Resolved, That the secretary of state shall immediately notify each of said commissioners of his appointment. A majority of said commissioners shall constitute a quorum. They may appoint a chairman from their number, and employ a suitable clerk to keep their records, and such other clerks as they deem necessary.

Resolved, That the secretary of state furnish to said commissioners, for their use in preparing said valuation, all necessary stationery, blanks, blank books, printed notices and summonses. That as a full compensation for services, said commissioners shall each receive from the state treasury three dollars per day whilst actually engaged in preparing said valuation and making their report thereon, and said clerks employed by said commissioners shall each in like manner receive not exceeding two dollars per day whilst actually employed in the duties of said commission. Said commissioners and clerks shall be allowed actual traveling expenses in once traveling to and returning from Augusta. The accounts of said commissioners and their clerks for services and travel shall be audited by the council, and when the same are approved by them the governor shall be authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasurer therefor.

Resolved, That these resolves take effect when approved.

[Approved February 12, 1880.]

COMMISSIONERS

Appointed by the Governor under the foregoing Resolves.

COUNTIES.	Names.	Residence.
Androscoggin.....	Abial M. Jones.....	Lewiston.
Aroostook.....	Eben Woodbury.....	Houlton.
Cumberland.....	Hiram Knowlton.....	Portland.
Franklin.....	Joseph W. Fairbanks.....	Farmington.
Hancock.....	Sylvanus T. Hinks.....	Bucksport.
Kennebec.....	Joseph A. Homan.....	Augusta.
Knox.....	Samuel Bryant.....	Rockland.
Lincoln.....	George B. Sawyer.....	Wiscasset.
Oxford.....	Enoch C. Farrington.....	Fryeburg.
Penobscot.....	Elisha W. Shaw.....	Newport.
Piscataquis.....	Augustus W. Gilman.....	Foxcroft.
Sagadahoc.....	George A. Preble.....	Bath.
Somerset.....	James B. Dascomb.....	Skowhegan.
Waldo.....	Nathan F. Houston.....	Belfast.
Washington.....	James Pope.....	Whitneyville.
York.....	John Hall.....	North Berwick.

RULES OF THE COMMISSION.

1. The sessions of the Commission shall be held daily, commencing at 9 o'clock, A. M., unless otherwise ordered. At the time appointed for the meeting of the Commission it shall be the duty of the members to be in their places.

2. When the Commission shall have been called to order by the Chairman, the journal of the preceding day shall be read by the Secretary.

3. In the absence of the Chairman a temporary presiding officer shall be chosen by the Commission.

4. A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business which requires a vote to be taken.

5. No Commissioner shall absent himself without leave, nor shall leave be asked or granted unless a quorum of the Commission be still left in session.

6. The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Commission at its daily sessions, issue and serve such notices as may be ordered, and perform such other duties as may be assigned him by vote of the Commission.

7. The following Standing Committees, to consist of three members each, shall be appointed by the Chairman, subject to confirmation by the Commission: On Navigation, Manufactures, Banks, Railroad and Telegraph Companies, Insurance Companies, Wild and Timber Lands, Mining Lands, Farming Lands and other Real Estate, Live Stock, Returns and Hearings, Clerical Labor, Pay Roll and Leave of Absence, and on Rules.

8. All other Committees shall be appointed by the Chairman, and shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered.

9. The first work of the Commission shall be to proceed to the classification by counties of the returns from the several cities, towns and plantations, with a view to their tabulation into such form as may be necessary and convenient for the information and use of the Commission.

10. The Committee on Returns and Hearings shall have the charge and keeping of the Valuation Returns, and shall arrange for the hearing of Assessors, Selectmen and all others interested, as shall best accommodate all parties and facilitate the work of the Commission.

11. Each Commissioner, unless otherwise ordered, shall have special charge of the correspondence and evidence from the several towns within the county from which he was appointed, and shall present the same for the use of the Commission or its Committees, as the same may be required.

12. The sessions of the Commission shall be open to the public only when parties interested in the valuation for their respective cities or towns shall appear for hearing upon the same, by previous arrangement with or notice given by the Committee on Returns and Hearings; and no access shall be had to the Valuation Books in possession of the Commission, except by permission and under the direction of said Committee.

13. At all hearings before the Commission, the member for the county to which the parties appearing to be heard belong shall first put such questions as he may deem necessary, and other Commissioners may then ask further explanations if they so desire.

14. The sessions of this Commission shall be subject to the rules of order usually governing deliberative bodies.

15. No rule shall be dispensed with except by the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Navigation.

Messrs. Preble of Sagadahoc,
Homan of Kennebec,
Bryant of Knox.

On Manufactures.

Messrs. Jones of Androscoggin,
Farrington of Oxford,
Hall of York.

On Banks.

Messrs. Knowlton of Cumberland,
Pope of Washington,
Houston of Waldo.

On Railroad and Telegraph Companies.

Messrs. Homan of Kennebec,
Farrington of Oxford,
Hinks of Hancock.

On Insurance Companies.

Messrs. Hall of York,
Preble of Sagadahoc,
Fairbanks of Franklin.

On Wild and Timber Lands.

Messrs. Woodbury of Aroostook,
Knowlton of Cumberland,
Gilman of Piscataquis.

On Mining Lands.

Messrs. Fairbanks of Franklin,
Hall of York,
Pope of Washington.

On Farming Lands and other Real Estate.

Messrs. Dascomb of Somerset,
Houston of Waldo,
Shaw of Penobscot.

On Live Stock.

Messrs. Shaw of Penobscot,
Pope of Washington,
Sawyer of Lincoln.

On Returns and Hearings.

Messrs. Farrington of Oxford,
Gilman of Piscataquis,
Woodbury of Aroostook.

On Clerical Labor.

Messrs. Sawyer of Lincoln,
Jones of Androscoggin,
Hinks of Hancock.

On Pay Roll and Leave of Absence.

Messrs. Bryant of Knox,
Woodbury of Aroostook,
Gilman of Piscataquis.

On Rules.

Messrs. Houston of Waldo,
Homan of Kennebec,
Dascomb of Somerset.

Members of the Valuation Commission.

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SYLVANUS T. HINKS, *Chairman.*

GEORGE B. SAWYER, *Secretary.*

NAME.	Residence.	County.	Boarding Place.
Bryant, Samuel.....	Rockland.....	Knox.....	Cony House.
Dascomb, James B.....	Skowhegan.....	Somerset.....	Cony House.
Fairbanks, Joseph W.....	Farmington.....	Franklin.....	Miss Bartlett's, State St.
Farrington, Enoch C.....	Fryeburg.....	Oxford.....	Augusta House.
Gilman, Augustus W.....	Foxcroft.....	Piscataquis.....	43 Court Street.
Hall, John.....	North Berwick, <i>P. O. Berwick.</i>	York.....	J. H. Cochran's, Grove St.
Hinks, Sylvanus T.....	Bucksport.....	Hancock.....	10 Weston Street.
Homan, Joseph A.....	Augusta.....	Kennebec.....	At home, 8 State St.
Houston, Nathan F.....	Belfast.....	Waldo.....	Augusta House.
Jones, Abial M.....	Lewiston.....	Androscoggin.....	Miss Bartlett's, State St.
Knowlton, Hiram.....	Portland.....	Cumberland.....	Cony House.
Pope, James.....	Whitneyville.....	Washington.....	F. H. Beale's, Green Street.
Preble, George A.....	Bath.....	Sagadahoc.....	Augusta House.
Sawyer, George B.....	Wiscasset.....	Lincoln.....	Cony House.
Shaw, Elisha W.....	Newport.....	Penobscot.....	Miss Pratt's, Capitol Street.
Woodbury, Eben.....	Houlton.....	Arcostook.....	C. C. Love's, Grove St.

Clerks.

NAME.	Residence.	Boarding Place.
Austin, David S.....	North Berwick.....	
Heath, Henry A.....	Whitefield.....	Mrs. Simmons', cor. Bridge & Spring Sts.
Hichborn, F. O.....	Rockland.....	S. A. Thurston's, Page Street.
Mitchell, George.....	Skowhegan.....	37 Gage Street.
Morris, E. S.....	Biddeford.....	Orrin Rowe's, Grove Street.
Nickerson, Horace J.....	Bangor.....	Miss Pratt's, Capitol Street.
Nutter, Thomas L.....	Bath.....	Mrs. Sawyer's, Winthrop Street.
Pressey, Warren E.....	Lewiston.....	Mrs. Simmons'.
Russell, A. D.....	Weld.....	37 Gage Street.
Small, William M.....	Calais.....	Mrs. Hinkley's, Pleasant Street.
Stockbridge, S. P.....	Ellsworth.....	S. A. Thurston's, Page Street.
Wadsworth, Isaac N.....	Manchester.....	E. M. Boynton's, Chapel Street.
Waterman, C. W.....	Sangerville.....	Mrs. Simmons'.
Wardwell, John H.....	Rumford.....	Central House.

Messenger.

Selbing, Lewis..... | Augusta..... | At home.